This record is a partial extract of the original cable. The full text of the original cable is not available. UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 04 CHIANG MAT 000077 SIPDIS E.O. 12958: N/A TAGS: AMGT KFLO KSEP APER
SUBJECT: CLO ACTIVITY REPORT FOR CHIANG MAI - MAY 2006 11. POST HEREBY PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING CLO REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 2006. SECTION ONE: NAME OF COORDINATOR: SUSAN HAMPSEY GRADE LEVEL: FS-07-01 WEEKLY SCHEDULED HOURS OF WORK: 24 HRS/WK PLUS SOME OVERTIME CLO STAFF MEMBER: CLO ASSISTANT AND NEWSLETTER EDITOR: LINDA SANTITHARANGKUL (HIRED 9/01 AS FAUX CLO: LINDA CRUIKSHANK) GRADE LEVEL: FSN SINCE SECTION THREE: 11. LIST OF AGENCIES SERVED BY CLO: STATE DEPARTMENT, DEA, and AIR FORCE DETACHMENT 415 12. BREAKDOWN OF CONSTITUENCIES: 1A. EMPLOYEES AT POST W/0 CHILDREN W/ CHILDREN MARINES 0 SINGLES MARRIED 8 10 TANDEM INDIVIDUALS ASSIGNMENTS: 28 TOTAL EMPLOYEES WITH CHILDREN: 10 TOTAL EMPLOYEES W/O CHILDREN: TOTAL EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED ABOVE: B.FAMILY MEMBERS (ON ORDERS) AT POST AWAY FROM POST SPOUSES: 1 ELDER FAMILY MEMBERS 0 CHILDREN: TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN ALL CATEGORIES BELOW: 24 AGES 0-5 TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN AGES 0 - 5: 8 TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN GRADES K - 5: 5 GRADES K-5 NUMBER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING THE OFFICE OF OVERSEAS SCHOOL ASSISTED SCHOOL: 2 --NUMBER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING ANOTHER SCHOOL AT POST: 3 --NUMBER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING ATTENDIN NAME(S) OF SCHOOL ATTENDED: N/A
--NUMBER NOT LIVING WITH PARENT AT POST, NOT RECEIVING AN EDUCATION ALLOWANCE: 0 TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN GRADES 6 - 8: 4 -NUMBER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING THE OFFICE OF OVERSEAS SCHOOL ASSISTED SCHOOL: 2 --NUMBER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING ANOTHER SCHOOL AT POST: NAME(S) OF SCHOOL ATTENDED: N/A
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NAME(S) OF SCHOOL ATTENDED: N/A
--NUMBER NOT LIVING WITH PARENT AT POST, NOT RECEIVING AN EDUCATION ALLOWANCE: 1 (SAN LEANDRO HIGH SCHOOL) FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES BUT UNDER THE AGE OF 21 (23 IF STILL IN COLLEGE): -NUMBER AT POST: 0 -- NUMBER ATTENDING SCHOOL AWAY FROM POST: 2 --TOTAL FAMILY MEMBERS ON ORDERS AT POST: 66 --TOTAL FAMILY MEMBERS ON ORDERS AWAY FROM POST: 3 --TOTAL FAMILY MEMBERS REPRESENTED ABOVE: 69 (F CHIANG MAI 00000077 002 OF 004 \*C. TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD (NOT ON ORDERS): 1 1D. TOTAL CLIENT POPULATION: 71 (DOES NOT INCLUDE TDY'ERS WHICH RANGE FROM 8 TO 15 AT ANY GIVEN TIME) CLO RESPONSIBILITIES: 1A. FAMILY MEMBER EMPLOYMENT 4A. FAMILY MEMBER EMPLOYMENT
OBJECTIVE: TO PROMOTE AND FACILITATE FAMILY MEMBER EMPLOYMENT.
--ADVERTISE CONSULATE AND OFF-POST JOBS. AN EFM WAS SELECTED TO FILL THE VACANT INFORMATION MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT POSITION, AND A MEMBER OF HOU
--COMMUNICATE WITH OUR DEPENDANT COMMUNITY ABOUT THE JOBS THAT ARE AVAILABLE AT POST, AND ASSIST WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS.
--EMPHASIZE VOLUNTEERING IN THE COMMUNITY AND AT THE CONSULATE.
--COUNSEL FAMILY MEMBERS ON OBTAINING EMPLOYMENT IN THAILAND.
FIND OUT WHAT JOBS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE COMMUNITY AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND SHARE CONTACT INFORMATION.
--FACILITATE INQUIRIES FROM BIDDERS AND INCOMING FAMILY MEMBERS VIA E-MAIL REGARDING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.
--FORWARD WORK TIPS AND CONTACTS FROM FLO TO SPOUSES LOOKING FOR WORK, EITHER THROUGH THE NEWSLETTER OF BY E-MAIL.

SECTION FOUR:

1B. CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND SECURITY LIAISON
OBJECTIVE: TO PROVIDE A CHANNEL OF INFORMATION BETWEEN COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND OFFICIAL MISSION, WHICH RAISES SECURITY AWARENESS AND REPRESENTS C
--INCLUDE ADVISORIES, TRAVEL WARNINGS PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEALTH WARNINGS IN THE NEWSLETTER, IN SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS, ON BULLETIN BOARDS C
--MAINTAIN A FILE IN THE CLO OFFICE WITH CURRENT SECURITY ISSUES.
--MAINTAIN FILES AND ATTACHMENTS WITH INFORMATION ON AVIAN INFLUENZA, THE TSUMAMI, THE LOCAL FLOODS OF 2005 AND AIR POLLUTION HAZARD FACTS AND

1C. EDUCATION LIAISON
OBJECTIVE: TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH SCHOOLS AT POST AND TO PROVIDE RESOURCE INFORMATION ABOUT EDUCATION.
--VISIT LOCAL SCHOOLS AND MAINTAIN STRONG CONTACT WITH THEM.
HELP FACILITATE SEVERAL SCHOOL VISITS WITH THE NEW REGIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST. BE A RESOURCE FOR THE SCHOOL STAFF WHEN THEY HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING
--COVER SCHOOL VISITS IN THE NEWSLETTER.
--PROVIDE INFORMATION TO BIDDERS AND INCOMING FAMILIES REGARDING SCHOOL CHOICES, AND SET UP NETWORKING POSSIBILITIES AMONG PARENTS WITH CHILDRE
--UPDATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOOLS WHICH INCLUDES CONTACT INFORMATION, E-MAIL ADDRESSES AND WEBSITES.
--ADVERTISE CALENDARS AND SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE SCHOOLS IN THE NEWSLETTER.
--HELP BUILD UP THE COLLECTION OF COLLEGE MATERIALS AT THE NEARBY AUA LIBRARY ROOM SET ASIDE TO ASSIST WITH INFORMATION ABOUT STUDYING IN THE S

D. INFORMATION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
OBJECTIVE: TO GATHER AND ORGANIZE INFORMATION SO THAT IT CAN BE DISTRIBUTED OR AVAILABLE TO MISSION COMMUNITY AND FLO WASHINGTON.

--WRITE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER TO KEEP CONSULATE COMMUNITY INFORMED OF LOCAL EVENTS AS WELL AS RELEVANT NEWS FROM THE CONSULATE, BANGKOK AND WASHING
--ORGANIZE CLO DATA ON PUBLIC FILES FOR CLO AND CONSULATE STAFF ACCESS.

--DEVELOP A COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER IN THE CLO OFFICE WITH MATERIALS RECEIVED FROM FLO AND OTHER U.S. SOURCES, AS WELL AS LOCAL INFORMATION,
--MAINTAIN THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY IN THE CLO OFFICE WITH SEVERAL HUNDRED BOOKS, PERIODICALS AND CATALOGS FOR THE USE OF THE CONSULATE COMMUNITY
--CONTINUOUSLY UPDATE THE CLO BULLETIN BOARD TO KEEP THE CONSULATE COMMUNITY AWARE OF CURRENT LOCAL ACTIVITIES.

--UPDATE A DATA BASE FOR SERVICES IN TOWN.
--MAINTAIN AN INVENTORY ON THE CLO SUPPLIES STORED AWAY IN THE WAREHOUSE.

- --POST CABLES OF INTEREST TO FAMILIES IN THE CLO OFFICE.
  --ASSIST A FAMILY MEMBER VOLUNTEER WITH PUBLICITY FOR SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS.
  --MAINTAIN A SPREADSHEET ON INCOMING EMPLOYEES, NOTING THEIR SPECIAL NEEDS AND CIRCUMSTANCES.
  --Organize AND UPDATE the Chiang Mai Welcome Packet.
  --participate in area activities to represent the consulate community and gather information for the CONSULATE community.
  --CONTRIBUTE STORIES AND REPORTS REGARDING EVENTS WHEN WARRENTED.
- -- COMPLETE THE 2006 SUMMARY SCHOOL REPORT.
- -- UPDATE THE ON-LINE POST REPORT.

1E. GUIDANCE AND REFERRAL
OBJECTIVE: TO LISTEN TO INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE CONCERNS AND TO OFFER APPROPRIATE RESOURCES AND REFERRALS.
--MEET WITH INDIVIDUALS TO TALK ABOUT JOB OPPORTUNITIES, AND FAMILY AND PERSONAL CONCERNS.

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- --DIRECT INDIVIDUALS TO APPROPRIATE POST PERSONNEL WHEN NECESSARY.
  --IDENTIFY LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH AND OTHER EXPERTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MED UNIT IN BANGKOK AS A RESOURCE FOR THE COMMUNITY.

## WELCOMING AND ORIENTATION

- OBJECTIVE: TO ASSIST NEW COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH ADJUSTING TO THEIR NEW ENVIRONMENT.

  --COMMUNICATE WITH NEW COMMUNITY MEMBERS BY E-MAIL FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE BIDDING PROCESS AND LINK THEM TO BENEFICIAL RES

  --DEVELOP A SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM THAT GIVES CLEAR GUIDELINES TO THE SPONSORS IN ORDER TO ASSURE A SMOOTHE TRANSITION TO POST.

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  --ORGANIZE A WELCOME PARTY FOR ALL NEWCOMERS.
  --Prepare welcome packets with APPROPRIATE information about the post and northern Thailand FOR NEW EMPLOYEES and THIR FAMILIES.
  --Help newcomers meet THE MISSION COMMUNITY AND FAMILARIZE THEM WITH the Consulate and Chiang Mai. FACILITATE INTRODUCTIONS to people WITH SIMI---Maintain reference books and other resources in THE CLO office to help newcomers adjust to and become familiar with the local environment.
  --ORIENT THE CONSULATE COMMUNITY TO THE GREATER COMMUNITY THROUGH NOTICES ABOUT GROUPS AND EVENTS IN THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER, AND THROUGH INDIVIE
- -- PROVIDE ON-GOING GUIDANCE ABOUT THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT (WHERE TO EAT, SHOP, SIGHT-SEE, ETC.)

- GG. COMMUNITY LIAISON
  OBJECTIVE: TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE OFFICIAL MISSION AND COMMUNITY GROUPS.

  --MEET WEEKLY WITH THE MANAGEMENT OFFICER IN ORDER TO ENSURE HE IS AWARE OF ALL CLO ACTIVITIES SO HE MAY IN TURN INFORM THE CG AND OTHER APPROF
  --ONE OR BOTH CLO STAFF ATTEND THE WEEKLY TEAM MEETINGS WITH AMERICAN DEPARTMENT HEADS.
  --ATTEND THE WEEKLY FOR MEETINGS.

  --THE CLO IS A VOTING MEMBER OF THE HOUSING BOARD.
  --THE CLO IS AN AD HOC MEMBER OF THE EMERGENCY ACTION COMMITTEE.
  --PARTICPATE IN OTHER MEETINGS AND TRAINING SESSIONS AS THE NEED ARISES.
  --BE A SPECIAL LIAISON BETWEEN SPOUSES AND THE CONSULATE COMMUNITY.
  --HELP BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THE THAI COMMUNITY AND THE AMERICAN ONE. MAKE SURE THAT THAI HOLIDAYS ARE UNDERSTOOD, RESPECTED AND CELEBRATED.
  --INTRODUCE THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY TO THE POINTS OF INTEREST AND SOCIAL EVENTS THAT ARE SPECIAL TO THE THAI COMMUNITY.
  --ENCOURAGE THAI STAFF (AND FAMILY) PARTICIPATION IN CONSULATE EVENTS.
  --HELP BRING THE THAI COMMUNITY ONTO THE CONSULATE FOR EVENTS SUCH AS PARTIES AND HAPPY HOURS.

OBJECTIVE: TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS FOR ALL SEGMENTS OF THE MISSION POPULATION THAT INTRODUCE THE HOST CULTURE, MAINTAIN FAMILIAR AMEF --PLAN PARTIES, TRIPS AND CELEBRATIONS TO KEEP THE CONSULATE COMMUNITY INVOLVED IN THAI AND AMERICAN CULTURAL EVENTS, RESPONDING TO THE DESIRES --KEEP IN CONTACT WITH TOURISM AUTHORITY OF THAILAND, RAINTRE RESOURCE CENTER, ALLIANCE FRANCAISE, AUA, THE PAYAP UNIVERSITY LANGUAGE PROGRAMS --ORGANIZE CONSULATE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN CHARITY OR CIVIC EVENTS.

## SECTION FIVE:

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES:
--A CLO (MOH) WAS HIRED IN JANUARY AS THE NEW FAUX CLO. AMONG HER MAJOR PROJECTS ARE REVAMPING AND IMPROVING THE RESOURCES IN THE CLO OFFICE AN

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- THAT THE OFFICE IS NOW FULLY STAFFED HAS RESULTED IN A PUBLIC SYSTEM OF FILE SHARING.

  --RE-ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH THE BANGKOK CLO WITH A VISIT IN JANUARY, AND FIRST-TIME ATTENDANCE AT THE BUDGET MEETING. CLO WORKS TO HELP PUBLIC

  --BOTH THE CLO AND THE CLO ASSISTANT ARE FULLY TRAINED TO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE SOLE APO CLERK, AND HAVE DONE SO OFTEN DURING THIS PERIOD.

  --THE CLO ASSISTANT IS THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER WRITER AND EDITOR.

  --THE CLO ASSISTANT IS REPONSIBLE FOR THE DESIGN, PURCHASING AND SALES OF POLO SHIRTS AND CELADON CUPS AND MUGS.

  --AN UNPAID, FULL-TIME COLLEGE INTERN WORKED FOR CLO FOR TWO MONTHS FROM APRIL THROUGH MAY.

  --WORK WITH FSNS ON LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS, AND HELP MAINTAIN AND PUBLICIZE A FUND FOR THE SON OF A GUARD WHO DIED IN JANUARY.

  MAINTAIN A SAVINGS ACCOUNT FOR ONE CANCER-STRIKEN FSN.

  --TDY'ERS RANGE IN NUMBER FROM 8 TO 15 AT ONE TIME. THIS FIGURE USUALLY INCREASES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

  --A LARGE NUMBER OF TRAVELERS FOCUS ON CHIANG MAI AND THE CLO OFFICE IS ALWAYS BUSY FIELDING QUESTIONS AND OFFERING TRAVEL/SHOPPING/ACCOMMODATI

# SECTION SIX:

OVERVIEW OF LIFE AT POST:
Chiang Mai is an excellent family post. The cost of living in northern Thailand is low, and the area is rich in culture, with places to go, thi
DELICIOUS AMERICAN/WESTERN FOOD IS AVAILABLE - AND GREAT LOCAL FOOD IS OF COURSE EVERYWHERE. There are direct flights from Chiang Mai to severa

MANY international schools EXIST, AND THE SELECTION OF ACADEMIC STRATEGIES IS FAIRLY EXTENSIVE. tHE SCHOOLS DON'T OFFER A HUGE VARIETY OF AMEF

MEMBERS OF THE CONSULATE COMMUNITY BENEFIT FROM A SPACIOUS, MODERN HOUSING compound with A POOL, CLUBHOUSE, WEIGHT ROOM AND TENNIS COURT. tHE IN ADDITION TO GYM FACILITIES AT THE COMPOUND AND THE BOOKS IN THE CLO LIBRARY, THE AIR FORCE detachment has a COMPLETE gym AND AMPLE SELECTION

CABLE TV IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THAILAND, AND HIGH-SPEED INTERNET IS NOW COMMON AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE. COMMERCIAL GYMS AND SPORTS FACILITIES &

MANY FAMILIES TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE REASONABLY-PRICED AND WELL-TRAINED DOMESTIC STAFF - WHOSE COOKING, CHILD CARE AND CLEANING SKILLS ARE INVAI

THERE ARE good medical facilities. We have A CONSULATE HEALTH UNIT AND OUR OWN FULL-TIME NURSE.

AMONG THE DIFFICULTIES MOST CITED BY PEOPLE AT POST: Driving HAZARDS AND HEAVY TRAFFIC; AIR POLLUTION; AND THE CURRENT THREAT OF AVIAN FLU. ONGOING VIOLENCE IN PARTS OF SOUTHERN THAILAND AFFECTS DOMESTIC

to COMPENSATE FOR THE DRIVING DIFFICULTIES, THERE IS LIMITED PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION available, AND PROFESSIONAL DRIVERS (ALONG WITH RENTAL CARS)

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